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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 27, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application. Please amend the above identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

In the Specification:

On page 3, line 33, replace " $C = M^e \pmod{n}$ " with -- $C \equiv M^e \pmod{n}$ --.

On page 4, line 4, replace " $M = C^d \pmod{n}$ " with $-M = C^d \pmod{n}$ --.

On page 4, line 12, replace " $d = e^{-1} \mod (p-1)(q-1)$ " with $-d \equiv e^{-1} \mod ((p-1)(q-1))$ --.

On page 4, line 8 replace "e • $d = 1 \pmod{(lcm((p-1), (q-1)))}$ " with $-e • d = 1 \pmod{(lcm((p-1), (q-1)))}$ "

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On page 8, line 8, replace " $C = M^e \pmod{n}$ " with $-C \equiv M^e \pmod{n}$ --.

On page 8, line 12, replace " $M = C^d \pmod{(n)}$ " with --M $\equiv C^d \pmod{n}$ --.

On page 8, line 17, replace "encryption" with --decryption--.

On page 9, line 21, between "each" and "is", insert -- of (p_1-1) , (p_2-1) , ..., (p_k-1) --.

On page 9, line 26, replace " $d = e^{-1} \mod ((p_1-1)(p_2-1)...(p_k-1))$." with $--d \equiv e^{-1} \mod ((p_1-1)(p_2-1)...(p_k-1))$."

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$$(p_2-1) \dots (p_k-1)$$
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On page 9, line 29, replace " $C = M^e \mod n$ " with $-C \equiv M^e \pmod n$ --.

On page 9, lines 28-29, replace "using the relationship of (3), above, i.e.," with --using relationship (3), reprinted below.--.